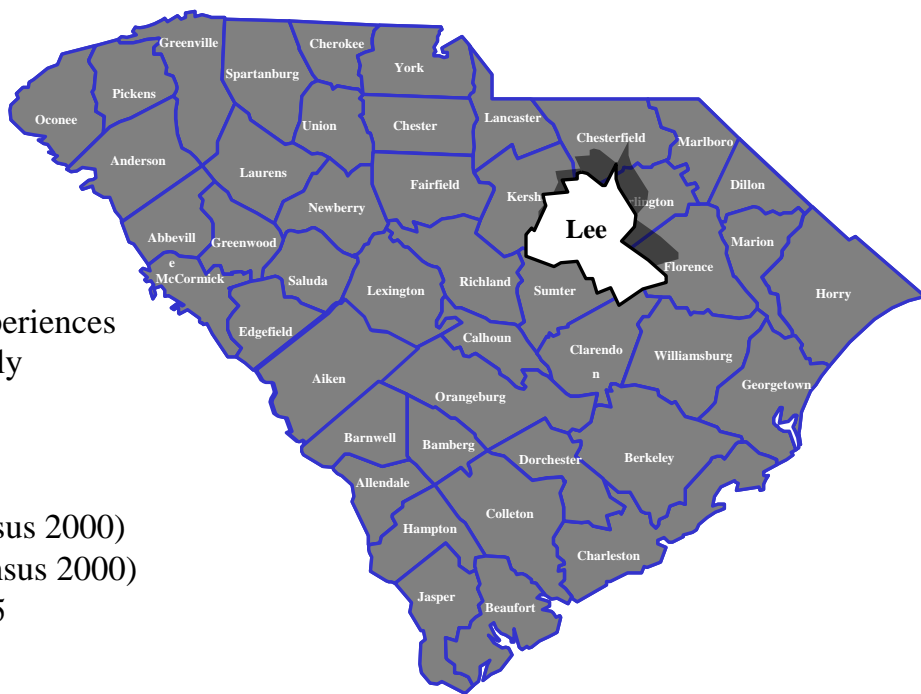


# Spotlight on Lee County...

## Location & Climate

- Located in the east central area of the state
- Surrounded by Kershaw, Darlington, Florence, and Sumter counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 61.8 degrees and experiences 45.09 inches of precipitation annually



## Population

- 20,500 in 2004
- 35% white and 65% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 35.7 years old (Census 2000)
- Estimated growth of 21,440 by 2015

## Labor Force

- Decreased from 8,766 in 2003 to 8,456 in 2004
- Unemployment rate rose from 8.5% in 2003 to 8.6% in 2004

## Employment

- Average monthly employment for the county was 7,727 in 2004, compared to 7,972 in 2003

## Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the county was \$18,643 in 2003
- It was 71% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

## Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Camden Workforce Center, serving Lee and Kershaw counties, paid \$5,221,282 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

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